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## Thanksgiving

For all the gifts that Thou dost send,  
For every kind and loyal friend,  
For prompt supply of all my need,  
For all that's good in word or deed,  
For gift of health along life's way,  
For strength to work from day to day,  
I give Thee humble thanks.  
For Christ who came from heaven  
above,  
For the cross and his redeeming love,  
For His mighty power to seek and  
save,  
For His glorious triumph o'er the  
grave,  
I give Thee humble thanks.

—Clifford Lewis

## Rio Grande's Net Earnings Are Up

Rio Grande's net income for the first nine months, as reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission, totaled \$8,805,000, an increase of \$680,000 over the corresponding period in 1968.

Freight revenues for the third quarter of 1969 totaled \$23,100,000, an increase of 3.8 percent over a year ago. Passenger revenues showed an increase of \$12,000 over the \$862,000 reported for the third quarter of 1968.

Net income for the third quarter was \$2,974,000, an increase of \$382,000, or 14.7 percent over a year ago.

## On the Cover

Can you identify the location of this month's cover. The art work gives a few details and also omits a few details which makes it interesting in determining its location. A similar view has been seen in leading magazines. Care to make a guess?

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## Then and Now

By Almeda Flint

Probably very few of the Rio Grande family, or even the general public, realize that it was 87 years ago, November 25, that the first passenger train arrived at Grand Junction from Denver. It was a history making occasion that day compared with the present when most are aware of the lagging interest in the continuation or use of passenger train service.

Conductor A. A. "Gus" Stuart of Grand Junction has the coveted books, "History of Colorado," Volumes I, II, III and IV, authored by Frank Hall and published in 1895 at Chicago. Each volume is valued at \$300. Volumes I, II and IV were given to him by his parents when they found the books in a home they purchased at Pueblo. He so enjoyed reading the history that he set about locating Volume III. Luck was with him when his answer to an ad in a Denver paper by one of the old book stores selling out indicated they had that particular volume in stock.

This reporter is indebted to Gus for the opportunity to read Volume IV and would like to pass along some of the information to the readers of Green Light, which is as follows:

Under the History of Mesa County, "... The year 1882 witnessed material progress. Among the more notable events, and one that caused greatest rejoicing, stimulated hope among the unfortunate and despairing, and advanced all things most rapidly toward consummation, was the arrival of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad from the east, to connect at that point with the Rio Grande Western from Salt Lake and Ogden, thus forming a new trunk line across the continent which pierced the heart of Colorado. A temporary bridge across the Grand River (now Colorado River—Ed) was completed November 23 when the first locomotive entered the precinct of Grand Junction. The first freight train crossed on the morning of the 25th, and a few hours later arrived the first passenger train from Denver. The work of building roundhouses, machine shops, etc., began in April following. These valuable accessories gained, the future was no longer problematical."

Under Chaffee County: "Salida is the most important station on the line between Pueblo and Grand Junction ... Salida is the station whence radiate the main line and several branches of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, the first extending northwesterly to Leadville ...; the second south via Poncha Pass, thence northwesterly over Marshall Pass to Gunnison ...; the third via Villa Grove southwesterly to Alamosa ... There also is a short branch to the mining district called Monarch.

"A large and very fine hospital has been built by the railway company, chiefly for the use of its employees. It has a superb hotel at the station, elegantly fitted up and appointed ..."

Of Buena Vista he wrote: "... It has a fine brick school house built at a cost of \$15,000. A system of

gravity water works was constructed in 1882-83 at a cost of \$35,000."

From this most interesting history of this area, the difference in construction costs can be realized. One can understand the background and reason for names given various stations and sidings on the Rio Grande line.

## R G Industries Revenues Show Gain

Rio Grande Industries, Inc., recently formed parent company of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and affiliated interests, reported Nov. 4 gross revenues of \$82,298,800 for the nine months ending Sept. 30, a gain of \$5,463,500 over the \$76,835,000 recorded for the first nine months of 1968 by the company's affiliates.

Net income after minority interests was \$6,889,000 compared with \$6,732,700 in the corresponding period last year.

Transportation revenues for the nine months ended Sept. 30 totaled \$79,843,200, up \$4,795,700 over the same period last year.

*The modern gal is a vision at night  
and a real sight in the morning.*



## DANGER IS FOR THE BIRDS

Safety is our best defense.  
Let's work with it and make  
it a part of our heritage.



Rio Grande



## Cinders From the Silverton Train

97,010, that's the magic number of total passengers that rode the Silverton Train for the 1969 season. People from all over the world came to Durango to ride the ever popular narrow gauge train with England being at the top of the list of foreign countries represented, which included a tour of forty rail fans on an Overseas Railway Study Group. This same group plans to ride the Silverton again in 1970. Japan was represented with 35 exchange students.

Actress Debbie Reynolds and her mother were surprise passengers and caused quite a happy commotion when they rode the train from Durango to Silverton in August. Alvin Rey, noted musician, his wife, Louise of King Sisters fame, and the producer of the King Family Show and the Art Mortensens from Salt Lake City rode in the private car, B-7, in September. Parts of this trip will more than likely appear in one of their shows.

In 1970 the Silverton will operate from May 30 to October 4 which is expected to break the 100,000 mark as there are approximately three trains reserved at this time, according to Amos Cordova, agent at Durango.

## Certificate Is Earned

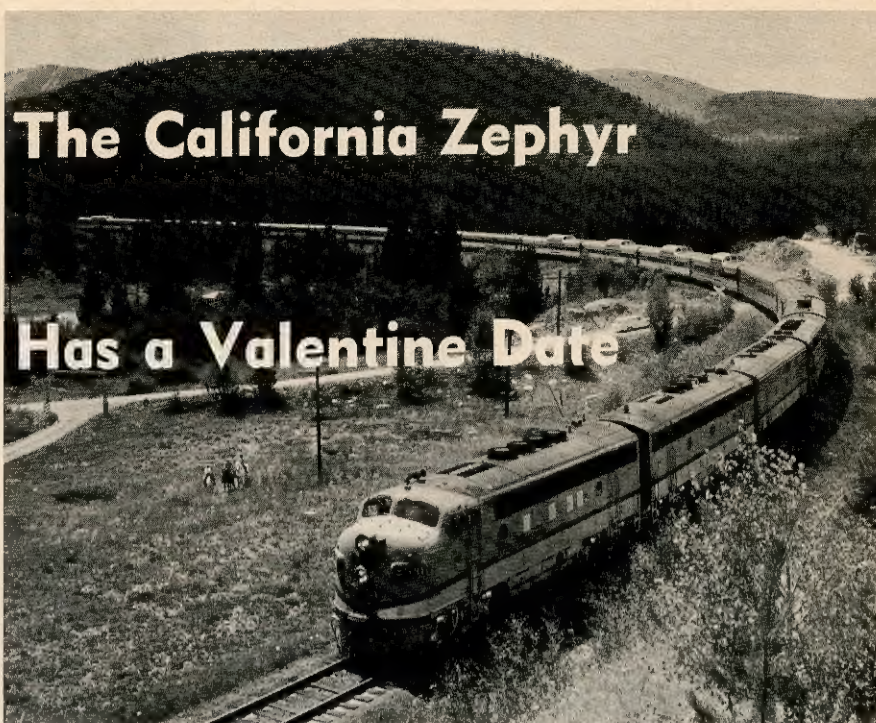


Roy W. "Bud" Weaver, relief agent, left, completed a Rio Grande Freight Rate Course and is accepting a certificate from J. L. "Jay" Wells, district manager, both of Grand Junction.

The correspondence course consists of 34 individual lessons explaining rules and regulations respecting the acceptance of freight for transportation and procedures to follow in the determination of proper freight charges. A questionnaire covers each set of three lessons which is returned to the Freight Traffic Dept. at Denver for grading.

The freight rate course is open to all employees of the Rio Grande.

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*Will the California Zephyr "kiss" the rails good-bye on Valentine's Day, 1970?*

**Following is the ICC order:**

At a General Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 15th day of October, 1969

Finance Docket No. 25675

**THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY DISCONTINUANCE OF TRAINS NOS. 17 AND 18 BETWEEN DENVER, COLO. AND SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

Investigation of the matters and things involved in this proceeding having been made pursuant to an order of Division 3, dated May 23, 1969, a hearing having been held and

**It appearing,** That notwithstanding its posting of a notice pursuant to section 13a(1) of the Interstate Commerce Act proposing the discontinuance of the subject trains, effective June 16, 1969, The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company (Rio Grande) has stated in effect a conditioned willingness to continue operation of the trains until February 14, 1970 as requested by certain members of The Congress of the United States, to afford the Congress an opportunity to act upon pending legislative bills proposing for railroads certain relief from the financial burdens of deficit passenger train operations.

**It further appearing,** That trains Nos. 17 and 18 are part of a through service known as the "California Zephyr" operated between San Francisco, Calif., and Chicago, Ill. in conjunction with, and as the intermediate line between The Western Pacific Railroad Company and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, that discontinuance of the Rio Grande's trains would create a 570-mile hiatus in the through route and effectively terminate the "California Zephyr" as a through train; and that a substantial number of persons continue to utilize the "Zephyr," the majority of them in through service.

**And it further appearing,** That the Western Pacific's segment of the "Zephyr"—between San Francisco and Salt Lake City, the western terminus of the Rio Grande—is at this time the subject of an investigation under section 13a(1) of the act and the "Zephyr" trains thereon have been ordered continued until January 4, 1970 pending the outcome of the investigation; and that a discontinuance of the Rio Grande trains at this time could, in practical effect, constitute a prejudgment of the Western Pacific investigation—depending upon what the record may provide (Please turn to Page 4)

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# "Beeting" the Sugar Problem

With the banning of cyclamate as a sugar sweetener in soft drinks and food products, the sugar industry in Colorado will benefit from this ruling by the Food and Drug Administration.

An expanding industry in Colorado and served by the Rio Grande is the Holly Sugar Company's factory at Delta. Sugar beets are harvested each fall and processed at this plant. The beets arrive by rail and the refined sugar is shipped out in 60 and 100 lb. packages and in bulk form.

Bakeries, candy manufacturers and canners order sugar in bulk and to answer the growing need for the shipment of the commodity in this form, the Holly Sugar Company has built two

large silos for storage in addition to the ones they had. Each silo is 200 ft. high and 40 ft. across. 10,000,000 lbs. of sugar can be stored in the silos.

A new loading facility was built for loading the bulk sugar at the rail siding. The steel building as well as the bins are pressure-proof, making them air-tight and dust-free. The conveyor which carries the sugar from the silo to the bulk loading facility is also dust-free as it is entirely enclosed.

While sugar quotas are maintained by the government, it is expected quotas will be raised for the coming year. This new facility will aid in Holly's expanding business as well as for the Rio Grande.



THE SILOS, as seen from Rio Grande's tracks, peek over the tops of the trees giving an indication as to their size.



RIO GRANDE TRACK CREWS are making final adjustments on the rails leading to the Holly Sugar Company's plant at Delta. The all-steel loading facility can be seen on the left while still under construction. The silos are 200 ft. high, 40 ft. across and are pressurized for dust-free handling.

## Zephyr Awaits Valentine's Day

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as to the continuance of one segment without the other;

And it further appearing, That, considering, among other things, the Rio Grande's financial condition, the prospect of necessary changes in national policy relating to passenger trains and the carrier's conditioned willingness to continue the trains until February 14, 1970, a continuance until that date would not unduly burden the carrier or interstate commerce;

It is found, That, as ordered below, continued operation by The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company of its passenger trains Nos. 17 and 18 between Denver, Colo., and Salt Lake City, Utah, until February

14, 1970 or further order of the Commission, is required by the public convenience and necessity and that their continued operation during that time will not constitute an undue burden on interstate commerce and;

It is ordered, That, The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company be, and is hereby, required to continue the operation of its passenger trains, Nos. 17 and 18 between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo., but not beyond February 14, 1970, or until further order of the Commission, in which further order—for the issuance of which, jurisdiction is hereby retained—a decision will be rendered on whether (upon consideration of such matters as may then be deemed relevant) the trains may be discon-

tinued at that time or be ordered continued for the remainder of the one year statutory period from the date hereof, or for a lesser portion thereof; and

It is further ordered, That, for the purpose of implementing this order and effectuating the intent of section 13a(1) of the act, this investigation be, and it is hereby, continued until further order of the Commission.

By the Commission

H. NEIL GARSON,  
Secretary

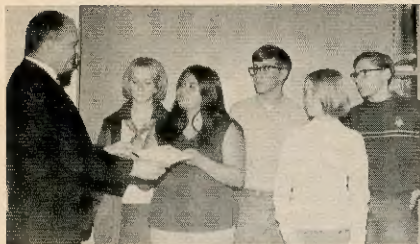
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Prosperity is buying things we don't want with money we don't have to impress people we don't like.

Rio Grande



## Junior Achievers Will Market Games



VERN IMMROTH, Rio Grande's personnel administrator, is presenting the charter to Sandy Archuleta, president of RG Company, in the Junior Achievement program. Others are, from left, Sherri Girtin, Dan Rue, Diana Persins and Paul Gavora.

The name of the game is Diago.

The game for two players is being manufactured and marketed by the RG Company, the Rio Grande-sponsored Junior Achievement Company at Denver. The intricate game takes concentration much the same as chess and will prove to be a fun game for all ages.

Each year the Rio Grande sponsors a group of high school students in the Junior Achievement program that offers practical business training to the teen agers. They learn the rudiments of business, how to organize a company, sell stock for working capital, manufacture and market a product, pay wages, overhead and taxes, and at the end of the season the company is liquidated.

Officers elected from within the group are Sandy Archuleta, president; Dan Rue, vice president manufacturing; Diana Persins, vice president sales; Paul Gavora, treasurer, and Sherri Girtin, secretary.

Rio Grande advisors for this year are Larry Parsons, market analyst; Jerry Rickard, claim investigator; Dan Walkovitz, cost analyst, and Jerry Key, signal draftsman.

### Christmas Parties

The following is a list of Christmas parties to be held on the Rio Grande system sponsored by the Vets' Clubs and the railroad. For further information, consult one of the Vet's officers in your area:

Denver, Saturday, Dec. 13,  
7:30 p.m.

Lake Jr. High School  
Grand Junction, Thursday, Dec. 18,  
7:30 p.m.

High School Auditorium  
Helper, Sunday, Dec. 14, 5:00 p.m.  
Civic Auditorium

Provo, Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Utility Building

Pueblo, Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Keating Jr. High School

Salt Lake City, Thursday, Dec. 18,  
6:30 p.m.  
Carpenters Hall

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

R. F. Crane ..... Road Foreman of Equipment, Denver  
Arthur Henke ..... Road Foreman, Salt Lake City  
C. R. Sartin ..... General Car Foreman, Pueblo  
A. F. Schwab, Jr. .... Asst. Road Foreman of Equipment, Helper

# RIO GRANDE VETERANS CLUBS

PRESENT:

*The Silverton*



### TIE BARS

K-28-G—Gold Filled Tie Bar.....\$3.25      K-28-S—Sterling Silver Tie Bar.....\$2.50

## THE MONTEZUMA



### TIE BARS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate	RG-11 \$2.50	RG-11E \$3.00
Gold Plate	RG-12 \$2.50	RG-12E \$3.00
Sterling	RG-13 \$4.75	RG-13E \$5.40
Gold Filled	RG-14 \$5.50	RG-14E \$6.25

### TIE CHAINS

Sterling Enameled .....RG- 9E \$5.40  
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-10E \$6.25

### BOLA TIES

(with Montezuma Clips)

Sterling Enameled .....RG-21E \$4.75  
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-22E \$5.00

### CUFF LINKS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate	RG-15 \$3.50	RG-15E \$4.50
Gold Plate	RG-16 \$3.75	RG-16E \$4.50
Sterling	RG-17 \$5.75	RG-17E \$6.25
Gold Filled	RG-18 \$6.50	RG-18E \$8.00

### TIE TACS

Sterling Enameled .....RG-25E \$3.50  
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-26E \$4.00

### BRACELETS

Sterling Enameled .....RG- 3E \$4.25  
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG- 4E \$4.75  
Charm Only—Gold Filled .....RG-24E \$3.75  
Sterling .....RG-23E \$3.25

## ORDER FORM

Mr. Edward M. Clark, 2701 South Utica, Denver, Colorado 80236

Please mail to me via parcel post the following items offered by the Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs:

Item No.	Quantity	Description	Amount	Mail Charge Plus Handling	Total
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$
				30c per item	\$

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR LARGER ORDERS)

TOTAL \$.....

NAME (Print)

ADDRESS (Print)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

IMPORTANT: Check or money order for total amount including mail and handling charges must accompany your order. They will be your receipt.



# Let's Get Acquainted With the Rio Grande

## (Part XIX)

The San Luis Valley in southern Colorado is the setting for this month's Get Acquainted series.

An important transfer point between the Rio Grande Railroad and Rio Grande Motor Way is located at Alamosa. Monte Vista and Del Norte, west of Alamosa, are located in this sphere of activity.

Shipments of lettuce, spinach, carrots and potatoes move by rail to distant points from these

points. In addition to the great quantities of vegetables, 5,000 cars of perlite and 3,500 cars of lumber moved by rail from the transfer point at Alamosa last year.

Approximately 80% of the barley for Coors Brewery is raised in this fertile valley. As a sidelight, 2 million tons of available storage space is located in the valley for this barley.

Other commodities transferred from truck to rail include: molybdenum from Questa, N.M., lumber from Pagosa Springs, plywood from Cortez, match splints from Mancos, concentrates from Creede and wool from the various ranches located in the valley.

Movement of shipments is not one way, however, as the Rio Grande delivers to the Motor Way farm machinery, fertilizer, building materials, pipe and drilling mud for the Four Corners area, machinery and grinding balls for Questa, as well as other miscellaneous commodities.

Two short line railroads, the San Luis Central with a junction at Monte Vista, and the Southern San Luis Valley at Blanca, supply the Rio Grande with carloads of vegetables, wool and volcanic scoria.

Two starch plants are located at Monte Vista. The Chambers of Commerce in the valley cities are wooing other types of manufacturing which make the future bright.

Let's meet the Rio Grande personnel who are responsible in making this an important transfer point.



**JACK BERRY** as district manager keeps a sharp lookout for customer service in the San Luis Valley area.



**PAUL WEAVER**, agent, keeps Rio Grande's shipments on the move at Alamosa.



**JAMES PEARCE** is road foreman of equipment and assistant trainmaster at this busy transfer point.



**AL W. MILSOM** is chief clerk at this terminal.

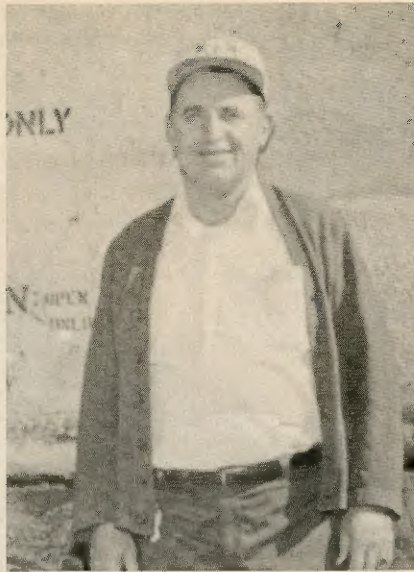


**HUBERT MEEK**, trainmaster-roadmaster, covers the territory from La Veta to Chama and the Creede Branch.

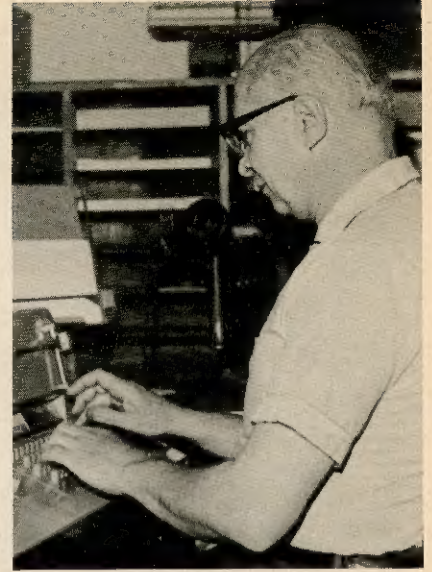




*MILES WOODEN is the agent at Del Norte.*



*WILFORD STONE is the agent at Monte Vista.*



*A. M. FICCI, wire chief, is in charge of communications.*



*ENOS JONES is special agent at Alamosa.*



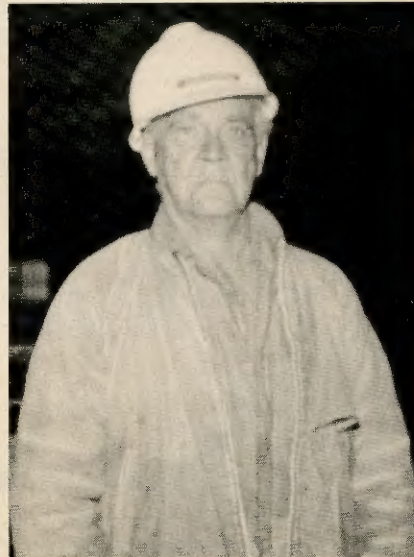
*RODNEY MAI is a clerk at Alamosa.*



*ROSS E. ARNOLD is the cashier.*



*ED GONZALES, operator, is loading a boxcar with plywood.*



*JOHN QUINTANAS is an engine watchman at the roundhouse.*



*JESS E. GORSAGE is the yardmaster.*





JOE LOPEZ is the operator of the P&H transfer crane.



GABE MARTINEZ is a crane operator.



FRED CHACON, trucker, is shown on load of pipe.



PIPE FOR FARMINGTON is being secured by Luis Martinez, top, and Frank Medina, truckers.



SACKS OF CLAY are being transferred from box car to Motor Way trailer by Howard Bradley and Ed Olivas, truckers.





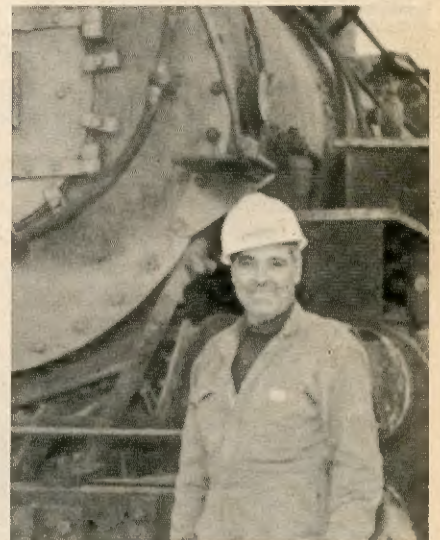
THE SWITCH CREW shown are J. W. Davis, switchman; Fred Partle, switch foreman, and Pepper Martin, switchman.



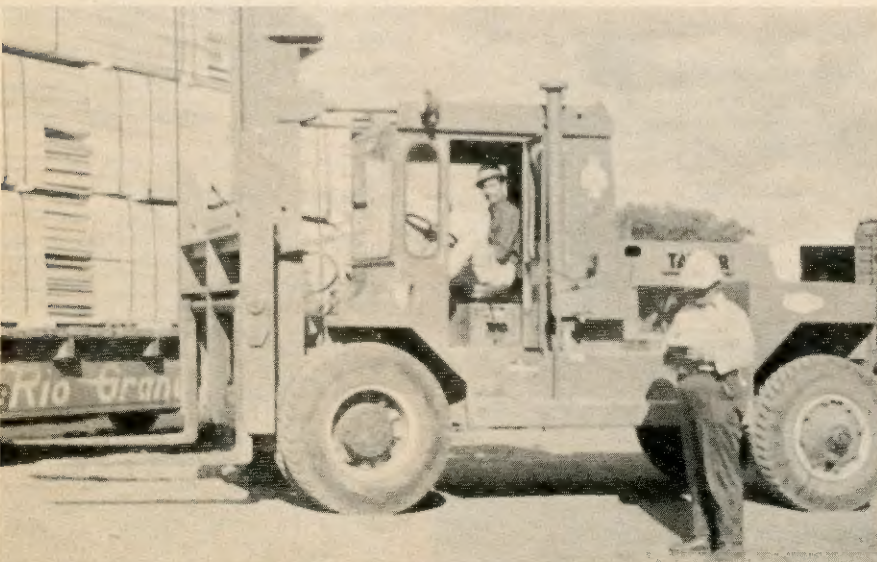
JIM SHAWCROFT is a locomotive engineer for the switch crew.



LOCATED AT THE ROUNDHOUSE, from left, were Joe Lucero and Ray Wood, machinists; Lee Otteson, hostler; Lee Jordan, general foreman, and Louis Madril, engine watchman.



SOSTENEZ MARTINEZ, engine watchman, poses beside a narrow gauge locomotive.

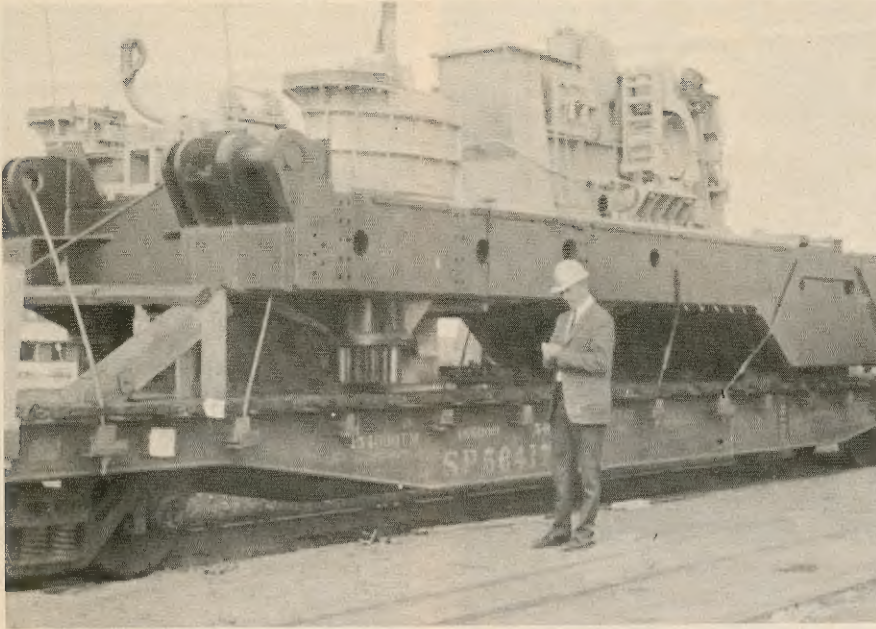


LOADING LUMBER are Ed Garcia, operator, and Candido Esquibel, general clerk.

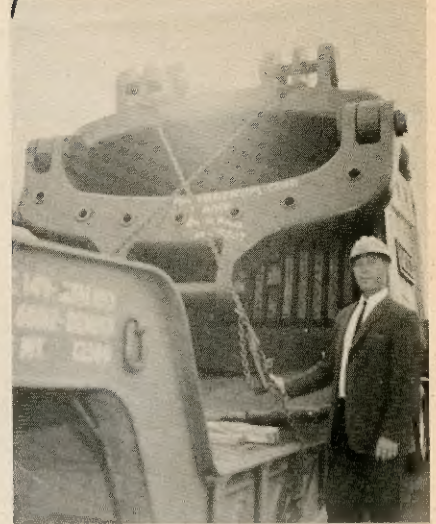


JOE BUSTOS, trucker, is cinching up a load of pipe destined to Farmington.

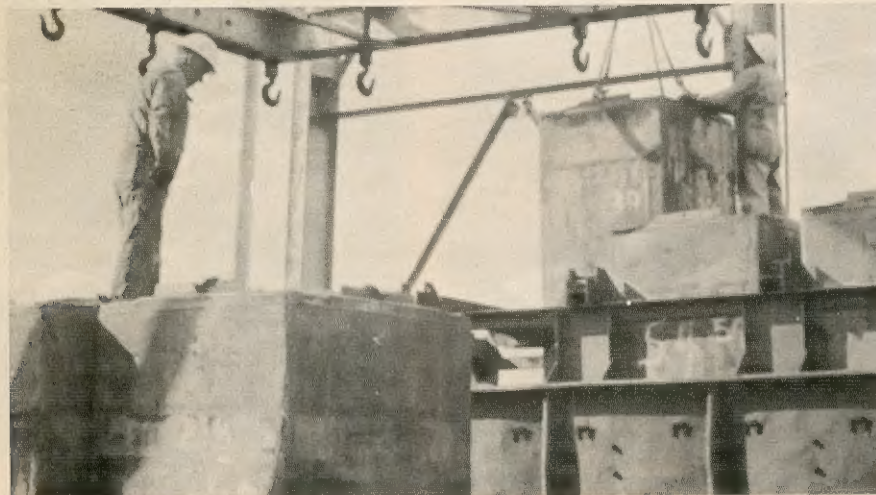




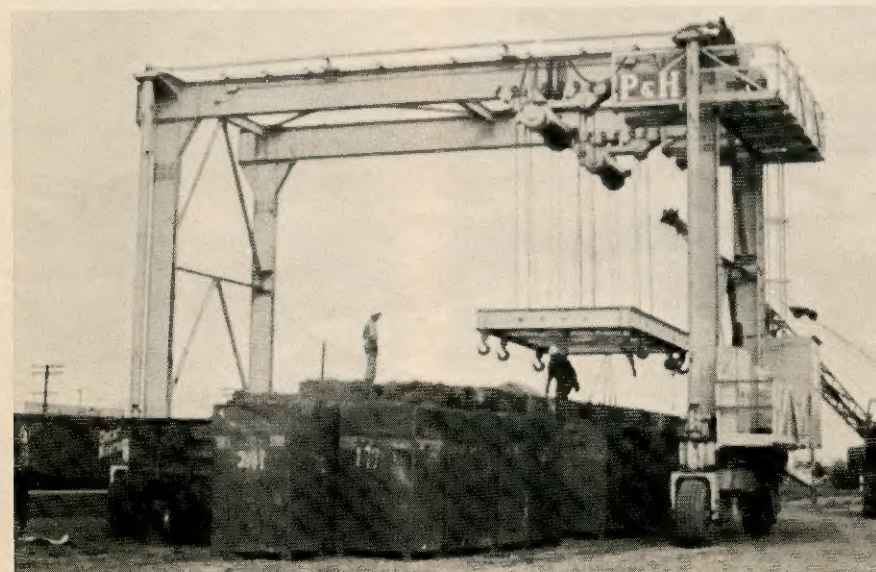
BASE FOR POWER SHOVEL MACHINE will be transferred from flat car to flat bed trailer for shipment to Questa, New Mexico.



BUCKET FOR POWER SHOVEL almost dwarfs Hubert Meek.



MOLYBDENUM ORE arrives in special containers and is transferred from flat bed to gondola cars. A. P. Sanchez, trucker, left, and John Olivas, transfer laborer, are shown.



A VIEW of the P & H crane used in transferring the heavy containers of ore.

## HOSPITAL REPORT

When sick or hurt, members of the Hospital Association should call 623-8443 in Denver; 243-3545 in Grand Junction; 364-3591 in Salt Lake City, night or day. In other towns call a Staff doctor, directly. The Hospital Association Pharmacy number in Denver is 623-4981. Dependents and spouses of deceased members may purchase drugs for the same price as a member of the Hospital Association. Ambulance is provided members by Roche Ambulance, 292-2340. Keep this number near your phone. Hospital admissions can be listed here only if they are received from the hospitals.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, DENVER**—Adolph Amicone, Geo. Brownlee, Sam Cribari, Geo. H. Dunbar, Hugh C. Edmiston, John H. Ericson, Dorothy M. Heinlein, Robt. S. Juniel, John E. Louis, Frank M. Martin, Rolland E. Miller, Frank Nemis, Donald W. Smith, Burton Sohneitman, Havel Sunberg, Chas. B. Valdez.

**UTAH VALLEY L.D.S. HOSPITAL, PROVO, UTAH**—G. L. Watson.

**CONEJOS COUNTY HOSPITAL, LA JARA 81140**—Robt. Luster.

**HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY**—C. Phillips Anderson, Geo. L. Brailford, Chas. E. Carroll, Richard Costello, Joseph Crespin, Glen Goodenough, Thos. I. Needham, Wm. Patterson, Wayne Pietson, Wallace Donald Price, Douglas Swenson, Herman Uriarte, Viclan A. Wilson, Harold Galland.

**SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. 80110**—Frank E. Elliott.

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, DENVER**—LeRoy W. Ricketts.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, GRAND JUNCTION**—Arcieri Dominick, Harry P. Babcock, Wm. L. Dean, Curtis L. Franklin, Charlotte R. Jamieson, Wm. M. Lillard, Curtis A. Pitts, Secero Roybal, Ronald R. Sinclair, Mary E. Yant.

**ST. MARY-CORWIN HOSPITAL, PUEBLO**—Frank Alamo, Mary E. Bean, Albina Davis.

**GENERAL ROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, DENVER**—Bernard C. Dreier, Mrs. Marguerite L. Knott, Rhoda M. Robertson, Mrs. Mattie L. White.

## Provo Vets Club

By Bob Wright

The old man with the white beard and the red suit has scheduled an appearance at the Provo Vets Christmas party to be held December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Utility Building.

The party is co-sponsored by the Rio Grande Railroad and the Vets Club. In addition to the entertainment and a visit by St. Nick, there will be door prizes. Santa, it is rumored, will have a snack for each child attending, so be sure to bring the kiddies.

Due to scheduling difficulties in securing the Utility Building for special events, it is wise to keep in touch with the local club to learn when the next party is scheduled. You may also contact the depot for this information.

Rio Grande



# Rail CHATTER on the Grande

## From the South End

By F. A. Jeffers

The men who helped to make and run the narrow gauge and had what it took to surmount many obstacles known only to mountain railroad men, working with very small equipment when compared with the monsters running on the rails today, are growing fewer and fewer along with the men who hand-fired engines over 4% grades and upward.

Four of these men are now gone and they are sadly missed by all who worked with them.

Oscar Doyle passed away after returning to work after a heart attack. Oscar hired out in the roundhouse and eventually worked his way to attaining a seniority date as fireman on Mar. 5, 1905. His first service was on the old 3rd Division which ran between Salida and Grand Junction via the narrow gauge.

Bill Trine resigned to accept his annuity after many years of firing and running a locomotive. Bill first saw railroad connected service as a news butcher on a passenger train out of Gunnison. He hired out as a roundhouse laborer at Gunnison and was promoted to fireman Feb. 7, 1904 on the old 3rd Division. Bill is remembered as a man with a smile on his face and no matter how disagreeable the assignment, it never seemed to alter his good disposition.

Jess Campbell started his service as a transfer laborer at a time many years ago when concentrates were hauled from the mills of Idarado at Telluride, Rico-Argentine at Rico via the rails of the history laden Rio Grande Southern to Ridgway thence to Montrose where it was transferred by wheel barrow into standard gauge equipment. Later he worked on the section, hired out as a brakeman and at Gunnison he hired out as a fireman on Aug. 16, 1901. As a sideline, Jess was in the ranching and trucking business. He will be remembered as a man who could be depended upon when things needed jacking up a bit. Jess was always good for a yarn about past years when things seemed to be pretty tough. He is now happily anticipating all the rest and relaxation that comes with a pension.

W. T. Wright was born and grew to manhood at Chama, N. Mex. His father was an engineer on the Rio Grande and met his fate in a head-on collision. Bill hired out as a brakeman at Salida on the old narrow gauge 3rd Division on Aug. 6, 1928. Like all true railroaders, Bill can spin

very good anecdotes of the past. Bill took his pension due to disability.

These are the men of steel who successfully ran the old narrow gauge over such branches as the Pitkin, Baldwin, Lake City and the narrow gauge main line in the days when a train load of livestock was an every day occurrence and bucking snow over the top of the small locomotives.

Their good nature and ability to get things done will be missed on the South End.

## Canon City

Harold Law, signal construction engineer, and wife, enjoyed a three-week vacation visiting relatives at Steamboat Springs, Moose, Wyo., and California. They were completely spoiled with the luxurious motel rooms at Lake Tahoe. While there they saw the Tennessee Ernie Ford Show, which was really good. Their hobby of taking pictures came into use while in Northern California where they photographed the huge sea lions near Arcata, the Redwoods and visited relatives in Oregon. From there, their trip was completely unplanned as they took any road that looked interesting. Their last week of vacation was spent in moving their trailer home from Canon City to Provo where they plan to make their home.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee

During hunting season the most repeated sentence is "Look at that deer" as vehicles pass through town with the winter's supply of meat draped over some part of the car. In Salida during the height of the hunting season the remark is "Look at that board."

With all the absent indications for a few days, it is a "sweat" to look for men rather than deer. The quietest fellows are the ones, who upon being asked, have to admit they didn't even see one. "Rip" Heister does his hunting by watching from his cabin in the hill. At this writing he hadn't seen one either. He was overheard telling the boys the deer run that should produce results.

Mrs. R. C. Williams became a grandmother for the third time in October. R. C. Williams, trainmaster, said he personally isn't old enough to be a grandfather. Mrs. R. C. spent a few days in San Francisco to be with her daughter following the birth of their third grandchild, a boy, Eddie Williams, their son who remained at home with dad, said his dad wasn't much of a cook either.

ETN-3 Bill Henry was home on a two-week leave following his graduation from Electronic Technician Class C School at Newport, R. I. He is now assigned to the USS Shenandoah, a destroyer tender. Bill is a brakeman on military leave.

When Porter the engineer and Porter the brakeman arrive at Salida

from Pueblo, they don't take sleeping pills, but they do have to write their occupations after their names in order to get sufficient sleep. If they don't chances are the caller wakes up the wrong one. Picture the facial expression when the call girl arrives, says, "you're called" and when the man raises his head off the pillow he hears, "I don't want you!"

Al Locke never worries if the stay between trains in Salida is long. Chances are he'll turn up with a new bottle discovery, which is his hobby. He stole the call girl's line, "Don't call me, I'll call you." When he is out bottle hunting he doesn't want anyone to discover his hunting ground, so he keeps calling in to be advised of call time. Incidentally, congratulations are in order as he gained a son when his daughter, Judy Theresa, became Mrs. Donald Siegfried in September. The couple are making their home at Norfolk, Va. where the bridegroom is serving with the U. S. Navy.

Rev. Al Edlund, son of retired agent at Minturn, wrote an interesting story for the Salida paper on Sadie O'Hara Rogers. She was born between Parkdale and Canon City while her mother was being rushed to the doctor on a railroad handcar. Her father was a roadmaster for the Rio Grande. Three days after Sadie was born, her mother, Mary Conway O'Hara, died in a Canon City hospital. The year following her birth, Sadie's father remarried and her stepmother had the responsibility of bringing up 13 children.

As a railroad man, Sadie's father moved from one place to another. He helped in the construction of various rail lines including the one running from Cripple Creek to Florence through what is now known as Phantom Canyon. Sadie was brought up on hard work, but through this she developed an outstanding pioneering spirit and love of fellowmen. In 1902 the O'Hara family moved to Poncha Springs where Sadie, now married, has lived ever since.

The Rio Grande is playing a part in improving the Monarch Ski area. The first of three shipments of towers arrived by rail in October to complete the new lift which will replace the one installed in 1962. The new high speed lift to the top of Davis Mountain is to be ready by Thanksgiving.

To Cliff McMullen goes the award for having what is believed the longest sideburns on the Rio Grande.

The name of the brakeman won't be mentioned but he does deserve an award for ingenuity. When his jeans split in a vital spot and there wasn't time to look for needle, thread or a seamstress, he put the office stapler to an unusual use.

Mrs. Jack Treat was sorry to see winter come as she had to put away her golf clubs after doing real well on the course this summer.

A fellow railroader was seen this past month putting milk in his chili. He likes hot milk.

\*Mary B. Cassidy



## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

*Would like to express my sincere thanks through the Green Light to my many railroad friends for the flowers, contributions and kindnesses during my wife's illness and recent passing. Words fail to convey what your thoughtfulness has meant to me.*

Most gratefully,  
Cecil L. Garber

Welcome home to Rodney Kolenc, who has reported to work as a clerk after his tour of duty in Vietnam. Former Rio Grande clerk, Lt. Col. Charles E. Hall has returned to the states after twelve months in Vietnam where he was assigned as director of operations for the Traffic Management Agency, MACV. He was awarded the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has been reassigned to Washington, D.C. His wife and three children, who have been living at Palisade while he was in Vietnam, will join him in Washington.

Many of us can vouch for the delicious apples harvested by Dave Olson on his ranch this fall. So many apples have been eaten at the office it is difficult to account for all the reports of illness.

A. M. "Slugger" Doane, clerk, is still on sick leave. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Slugger. L. O. Ficklin, trainmaster, finally gave in to surgery recently. He seems to have made a quick recovery. Glad he feels so much better. Curtis Pitts, clerk, has been sent to Denver's Colorado General Hospital for specialized treatment, according to latest reports. Hope to have good news about him soon. Sorry to hear about Mrs. B. C. Eaton's heart attack and wish her a quick recovery.

Congratulations are due former Clerk and Mrs. Bob Strobl on the birth of their second son. Bob is the son of Henry Strobl, conductor, who stops by occasionally.

Dennis Olsen, student dispatcher, is breaking in here. His father is the regular dispatcher. Jerry Olsen, father of Dennis, hunted during his vacation but reports no luck, while Arnie Clemons bagged an elk. Leonard Wolfe got a buck the opening day of the season. Dennis Olin said most of those in his party were lucky.

Congratulations to Gary Pitts, 14 year old son of the Curtis Pitts, who has selected a calf at the Port Franklin Hereford Ranches at Meeker as the prize won on an American Hereford Field Day outing at Yuma, Ariz., last summer. He was the first youth to catch a calf in the contest. His prize is one of seven calves donated by Colorado ranches for the field day event. His calf is a registered yearling heifer. Gary will use it to start his own herd on their ranch near Fruita.

Visited with Bill Yant, retired yardmaster, who is feeling much better after being ill in the hospital during much of last summer. Happy to report that Mrs. Daisy (Andy) Willauer is much improved following a fall at her home.

Johnnie Sprott has returned to Grand Junction after several months in California and Arizona which he thoroughly enjoyed. He plans to spend

much of the winter in the warmer climate. Bob Evans, retired mechanical foreman, and wife, Dorothy, seem well and manage to keep busy.

Jim McGinnis and wife have returned from a month's vacation trip to Florida and the eastern states which included a visit with their daughter in Baltimore. Her husband is leaving soon for European duty. Vic Peterson enjoyed his vacation visit with their sons who were home on leave, Vic, Jr. who is assigned to Travis AFB, Calif., and Robert from Norton AFB, Calif. The boys enjoyed a hunting trip during their leave.

Al Daub, Fruita agent, is back on the job after a hunting vacation.

Congratulations to Gene Huffer, clerk; Melvin Beye, engineer, and George Bruder, switchman, on their recent retirement.

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

D. B. Bringhurst, Neil Thorpe and Monte Yates spent a week in Idaho pheasant hunting.

Kathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christensen, and Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, were recently married.

At the Provo High School homecoming, Rudene, daughter of this reporter, was elected as second attendant to the homecoming queen.

C. W. Hearn has returned to work after a week of rest. Bud Jackman and wife are visiting their daughter and family at Maryville, Calif. Roger, son of the Leland Nielsens, has been called to serve two years in the mission field for the L. D. S. Church in the states.

Many from this area are deer and pheasant hunting.

Donald and Jimmie Chadwick are visiting their parents while on military leave. They planned to do some deer hunting while here.

## Durango

By Amos Cordova

Rio Grande employees at Durango got together in August and belatedly celebrated the retirements of Arvid Alexander, carman, who had retired in February, and J. M. Greathouse, yardmaster, who retired in June. Both men received gifts of money from their fellow employees. Greathouse had 47 years of railroad service and is an avid golfer. His wife, Lucille, also retired from the nursing profession in June and has taken up golf (to keep up with the ole man). Congratulations to all.

Recent vacationers were Tom Conway, engine watchman; Bob Hamm, carman, and J. M. Rentfrow, roadmaster. Several employees went deer and elk hunting. Those having luck were Dave Rentfrow and Ed Kettle. Al Lyons has been spending some time in Arizona. He really gets around.

A gala cocktail and dinner party was feted by J. M. Rentfrow on October 5 following the final run of the Silverton for the year. All Rio Grande employees involved were invited to the Grande Palace and served in Grande manner. Approximately 60 attended the gala affairs which included the wives of the men.

A special "hello" to the Karl Blands of Lemon Grove, Calif.

## Utah Division Office

By Fae Lundberg

Russ Barber and wife returned from California. They are really enjoying their retirement and said it was the longest trip away from home they have had in a long time. Upon their return a retirement party was planned by Mary Perry and ReNae Pearce. Velma Stauffer, Ardella Grills and Mina Gates helped in the preparation of the refreshments. Russ was presented with a watch and many good wishes.

Charles R. Whitney, who at one time was assistant superintendent at the Rio Grande depot, has been working for the Police Dept. in Judge Neeley's Court as bailiff for the past two-and-one-half years. He is remembered for his pleasant manner and is wished well in his vocation.

Reginald Sanders and wife spent a wonderful two weeks touring the Hawaiian Islands. Many pleasurable experiences were had as they bathed on Wakiki beach, cruised around Pearl Harbor, Sea Life Park, saw the show at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and saw the radio station located in a tree. "Sandy" said what he really enjoyed most was having his breakfast on the balcony of the hotel where he could look out on the beach. The fruits which were served were also enjoyed.

The grandmother of Mary Perry's husband has been in the hospital and Mary has been giving her special care every night. Hope she will be well soon.

Gordon Watkins' wife is home from the hospital and is able to do many of her household duties.

Sympathy is extended to LaVon Livingston and her family on the loss of her stepmother, Mrs. Sara H. Hallett of Salt Lake City. She was 65.

Condolences are also extended to the Tezak family on the loss of Stan's mother.

Pete Simonetti spent his vacation at Las Vegas and Orland Miera went deer hunting with his parents.

## Colorado Division Office

By Ann Gilvar

Recent vacationers this month included E. E. Stephens, who enjoyed just being away from work; Art Black went to San Deigo, and the Wells Knapps and daughter visited friends and relatives in Iowa.

Congratulations to Chuck and Marilyn Naysmith, who welcomed a baby boy, David Michael, on October 24.

Congratulations to Bob Crane on his appointment as road foreman of equipment.

Leila Hood, retired telegrapher, was a recent visitor to the office. She is visiting friends and relatives throughout the country before returning to her home at Jacksonville, Fla.

A luncheon was given, Oct. 3, at the Division Office for J. O. Smith, chief dispatcher, who will retire on December 1. He was presented with a pair of boots and a travel case. He and his wife, Lucille, plan to visit their daughter and family at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and other relatives in Oklahoma and Texas before they take an extended trip to Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia by way of Hawaii. Wish them the best of everything for the future.



## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Sorry to report H. B. Nicholas, conductor, has been off work with a leg injury. Hope he will be back to work soon.

Frank Barnes, engineer, enjoyed a two-week vacation. Bill Kennedy, cashier, enjoyed his vacation at home. John Weaver, night switch foreman, visited his son at Phoenix while on vacation.

H. E. Andersen, switchman, was pleased with his hunting efforts as he brought back a big elk. Harold Sothman, track supervisor, enjoyed his two week vacation visiting his daughter at Sidney, Neb., and around home. Frank Garcilaso, section foreman, spent most of his vacation catching up on chores around home and just relaxing.

Jim Donlon, retired clerk, looks like he is enjoying his retirement from all indications.

## Alamosa

By Lee Jordan

Congratulations to Ed Cornish, retired carman, and wife who celebrated their golden wedding, October 25, at the Elks Lodge.

Harold Davis, retired carman, and family were joyfully reunited with their son, Warren, who has just returned from fulfilling a mission as an elder of the LDS church. He spent approximately two years in the Alaska-Canadian Mission.

Eldon Morgan, engineer, motored to Salt Lake City to deliver his son to the Mission School for training prior to his fulfilling his mission in the North Central States Mission with headquarters at Minneapolis.

We are deeply grieved at the death of Charles Groshart, retired engineer, who passed away at Alamosa Community Hospital, Oct. 28. Charlie was recently given a life membership in Elk's Lodge No. 1297 and was very happy at the honor bestowed upon him by his fraternal brothers.

## Roper

By B. J. Chavez

Congratulations to Lynn Daw, FGE representative, who took a few days off from his busy schedule to marry Sharon Kramer. The happy couple were married at Elko, Nev. where they lost a few dollars. Some of the old timers say he lost both ways but Lynn knows better.

Larry Christensen and wife, Patricia, were blessed with a baby boy, Rod. Mother, father and the new boss are doing well. Larry gave everyone a cigar and in return received well wishes from all.

A hearty welcome to Kirby Ludvigson and Bob Burns, two recent additions to the staff at Roper. Kirby is the afternoon carder and Bob is the afternoon inbound clerk. Also a welcome to Ken Young who is trying to master the crew caller's position.

John Barron, my cohort in reporting is on vacation. Hope he will have a real sad story to tell us when he returns. Almost all will know John's opening line as he says, "I've got a real sad story to tell you."

Estella Williams and husband, George, vacationed in the northwest

which included many places we have heard of and have wanted to see, such as Vancouver, B. C., Skagway, Alaska and others. The initial trip to Skagway was a 1,000 mile journey on the Princess Patricia, a large steamer plying the Inside Passage. Their month-long trip covered 5,000 miles. They returned via Washington, Oregon, California to Reno, Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas' gaming tables. It was a once in a lifetime vacation and makes everyone envious and wish to do the same.

Joe Aiello took his regular vacation to go deer hunting and came back with a doe at the end of the season. His luck was better than most as it seemed to be a poor year for deer hunters. Darrell Keddington bagged a buck for his efforts. Dale Cundick bagged a doe and Adrian Powell brought home a buck. Hope the Colorado hunters did better as this reporter is always telling everyone who will listen how much better the hunting is in Colorado.

## From the White House Personnel

By Betty Hancock

An exciting two week vacation was spent in California by Ann Eckberg visiting relatives.

Catherine Behrens and husband, Harold, vacationed in the East where they visited their son and family, taking in the sights of North Carolina, the Ozarks, Kentucky and other places of interest.

Vern Immroth will become a regular "swinger" after his two weeks vacation on the business end of a paint brush.

## Revenue Accounting

By Walter Brooks

Various activities were enjoyed by employees of this department while on vacation the past month.

Don Wilson spent a few days in the hospital for treatment of a blood clot in his leg. Pleased to report he is back to work and feeling well.

Forest "Woody" Woodward entered Porters Hospital for treatment of heart muscles. At last report he was doing fine and hopes to be going home soon.

Welcome to Maribeth Bruhn as a clerk in this department.

## Car Service

By Manford Bauer

Jeannette (de Luzio) Castagna renewed old friendships when she visited the office during a Denver visit from her home in Rialto, Calif. Jeannette, who clerked in this department in the early 50's, is now employed by the Santa Fe Railroad at San Bernardino, Calif.

Welcome back to Ruth Theis after an extended leave of absence. Ruth and hubby, Fay, were in Las Vegas, highlight of which was their attendance at the Dean Martin show at the Riviera Hotel.

Vince and Helen Baker ran into a lot of cold weather during their vacation to New Mexico, otherwise it was an enjoyable trip. The Charles Tobiasens visited Hastings, Neb., where their eldest daughter, Charlene, is working and attending business college.

Lydia Ackles will be found at home on Sunday afternoons when the Broncos are playing a home game. Grandma Lydia is busy babysitting little Lisa while Mom, Dad, Rita, John and Frank Sucharski are at the Mile High Stadium cheering on the rejuvenated Broncos.

Tim Fowler, son of Ralph, was honorably discharged from the Navy. He has enrolled at a TV and radio broadcasting school, Careers Academy, at Hollywood.

## Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

When fingers are placed where they don't belong, things can happen. Winston Hollard caught his hand in a snow removal machine while cleaning his sidewalks after an October snow storm. A couple of fingers were badly mangled. Hope they will turn out all right. Condolences are also in order as Winston lost a grandson while serving in Vietnam.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Ron Jones on the loss of a sister who was in a car accident at Salt Lake City.

Congratulations to Gene Weaver, district representative at Chicago, on his recent marriage.

Alexis McKinney and wife flew to Tahiti on their vacation. No such thing as snow and cold weather there. They had a wonderful time.

A hurry and get well is wished for Frank Long after undergoing surgery recently.

## Sixth Floor

By Irene Vogel

October was a good month for skiers, but a bad one for home owners, many of whom spent their weekends, as well as vacations, shoveling snow, pruning trees and trying to salvage trees and shrubbery. Millie Green's vacation disappeared in a hurry with these activities.

Max Ehrlich's hand is out of the splint and almost as good as new. Anyone for a nice slow game of handball?

Next year there's going to be a general exodus to Tahiti and the neighboring islands. Alexis McKinney's stereo slides of his recent trip there with Mrs. McKinney are a powerful lure.

This reporter had an enjoyable two week vacation, first acquiring a 1969 Impala coupe, and then recovering by visiting friends on an Oklahoma farm, whereupon the peanuts went underground and the catfish stopped biting.

## Communications

By Jim Chavies

W. "Bill" Cook, agent from Salida, visited the DC Telegraph Office while breaking in as dispatcher.

Bob Grawey spent his birthday in Chicago with his father. They also took in a football game.

The following bagged bucks during the hunting season: O. E. Miller, D. D. Farlow, J. R. Chavies and A. A. Griego.

Changes in position here finds Bud Arvin working third trick DC, Chuck Turnipseed assigned relief position No. 3 and C. E. Jordan is dispatching.



## Purchasing

By Helen Balistere

The many friends of Art Hulstrom and wife offer their sincere sympathy due to the death of her mother at Jackson, Mich.

Mention vacations to any of the crew for October and one gets an icy stare. The storms did disrupt many plans. Leo Rohde said the weather and the fish were uncooperative. Ted Nitz shoveled snow but came back from that chore looking fine.

Tom Smaldone hunted in the high country near Craig and bagged his limit. Have been told he cooks some delicious venison. How 'bout an invite, Tom. Jack McCaffrey's efforts with the Knights of Columbus netted first prize in the Arvada Fall Festival. Lots of work but it was fun.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

C. P. Anderson, clerk, is still on the sick list but is recovering rapidly. Hope to see him back soon.

Matt Kloepper, clerk, is lining up a basketball team made up of Rio Grande employees to be entered in the Helper City League. Employees who are interested please register with Matt or George Zamantakis. They would like to have applicants 6 ft., 2 in. or over, so immediately John Daskolas signed up to play center on the team. According to some of the members Matt wants to sign up, they probably won't have a winning team but it will sure be a drawing card.

## Burnham Notes

### Store and Lab Depts.

By Jeanne Gustafson

Sympathy is extended to Harry Haynes, storehouse foreman, in the death of his brother, John, who resided at Arlington Heights, Ill.

Get well wishes are sent to Eddie Purviance, retired Store Dept. employee, and to William Sear, laboratory chemist, both of whom are having to spend some time in the hospital. Hope their stay will be brief and that they will both soon be completely recovered and on their feet again.

Happy to report that Harold Kallas' young son is home from a recent confinement in the hospital. Harold is supervisor of rail test in the Burnham Lab.

## Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

Lyle King and wife vacationed with his brother at Lawrenceburg, Ind. Chester Ely journeyed by rail to visit his son at Portland, Ore. He tried his hand at deep sea fishing with no luck. He returned via Reno and Winnemucca. Bob Talmadge and family vacationed and fished on the Grand Mesa. He had a good catch but a faulty refrigerator made him lose it. They also stopped by his brothers at Grand Junction and picked some fruit.

Glenn McGaha and wife sported a new Buick Le Sabre on their vacation to Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso and Juarez where they bargained with the merchants for gifts with good advantage. They are also the proud owners of a new Ski Dadler and were able to break it in on the snow. A hunting trip

to Gore Pass turned out to be a "snow job" so he turned around and came home.

Condolences to the families of Hugh Shortridge, who lost his mother; to Gerard Zschoche, who lost his brother; to Elmer Schaefer on the loss of his father, and to Art Gust, retired, in the loss of his wife.

Retired shopmen who were recent visitors were Bert Koepke, Bill Schultz, Frank Balacco, Barney Arguello, Casper Hackencamp and Art Herrick.

The Mile High Railway Club will meet at Union Station Caboose Restaurant on November 24 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

## Western Slope Vets Club

By Bill Easley

Election of Vets Club officers will be held on November 16. The retirement banquet will be held on January 29.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Grand Junction High School Auditorium, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. All Rio Grande employees, their children and Rio Grande veterans are invited to attend. Santa will have candy for the children and there will be a drawing for a "Sleigh Load of Gifts" for the children.

For the man who has everything—Why not some Vets' Club Jewelry or Travel Bags?

## Motorway

By J. P. Walsh

### Montrose

R. E. Marsh, terminal manager, vacationed in Nevada and Texas. Carmont Norton acted as terminal manager in his absence. Mrs. Vi Robertson of the Delta office relieved Miss Eugena Beasley on her vacation, which was spent in Washington, Oregon and California.

Effective November 1, the Montrose office closed on Saturdays.

### Canon City

Bob Carlton and Chuck Fish, P & D drivers, were both successful on their hunting trips.

### Delta

Dayton Kirkham, terminal manager, spent part of his vacation elk hunting in the Dolores country. With him in the hunting party were Paul Beauregard, terminal manager, Grand Junction, and two line drivers out of Grand Junction, Ron Kelly and Dan Evans. They report a very successful hunt, bringing home three elk.

### Denver

Patrick Boland, asst. terminal manager, spent two weeks vacation recovering from the Notre Dame-Southern California game tie. Pat went back to South Bend to attend the game. John Uber, dock supervisor, returned from one week vacation which he spent hunting and relaxing at home. Jim Sansborn, rate clerk, returned from a two week vacation visiting his daughter and son-in-law in sunny California.

Nellie Werner of the key punch room is learning to drive a car. Joan Gray will be leaving us soon for a blessed kicking event. Cliff Erickson has moved into his new trailer home. "Mosey" Onion returned from an Illinois vacation. Lyle and Flo Payne are traveling in the east, and in Cana-

da. Les Fenwick visited his son in San Francisco and had an extended trip along the west coast.

Robert D. Smith, a 14-year sales representative, took his retirement at the end of October. A small cake and coffee session was held by his fellow employees to wish him well on his last day and to present him with a parting gift from the company. His friends in the General Office and Sales Office will miss his daily calls.

Welcome to Norman Brigg as pouch clerk. Norman transferred from the Pueblo office. Harland Carter, line driver out of Grand Junction, is recovering at home after undergoing surgery. Welcome back to Wally Fletcher, general traffic manager, who has been away for several weeks recovering from surgery. He is feeling fine and is glad to be back on the job.

## Alamosa Vets Club

By Lee Jordan

A fairly large number attended the Vets Club annual Halloween party and bingo games at the home of Frank and Irene Cox October 26. Some members were in costume and prizes were given for the four best dressed. Mary Jordan won first prize and Lydia Dorsey won second for the women. George Kingery, conductor, won first prize and Lee Jordan, general foreman, won second for the men. Enos Jones and George Kingery call numbers and Fred Vernon, agent, acted as banker for the bingo games. A good time was had by all.

The Annual Christmas Dinner for members of the Vets Club and guests will be held Dec. 7 at the Walsh Hotel. Games and visiting will be in order in the private meeting room adjoining the hotel lobby after the dinner.

Many in this area are not taking advantage of the Vets Club association and activities. Fifteen years service entitles employees to become a member. The more we have the merrier, so, all eligible employees and retirees are welcome.

## Salt Lake Vets Club

By F. C. Krauth

Would like to remind the members of the Salt Lake Vets Club of two important events that are coming up.

The Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held November 22 at Carpenters Hall, 120 W. 13th South at 6:30 p.m. The Vets Club will furnish the turkey, rolls and drinks. Members are requested to bring a covered dish to enhance the turkey as well as their own dishes and silverware.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at Carpenters Hall on December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Please keep these dates in mind to insure a good attendance.

C. L. Crawford, president, has been in the hospital. Wish him a speedy recovery.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Salt Lake Club to all.

Two foremen were comparing notes: "Do all the boys in your shop drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?" asked one.

"No, not at all," replied the other. "The orderly ones have their tools put away long before that time."



## Denver Vets Club

By Velma Ackermann

Denver Vets' Club No. 3 and Ladies Auxiliary will have a short business meeting on November 20 prior to the Bingo game. Home made pie and coffee will be served. Ladies please bring a pie.

Due to the bad weather, the hard time party was small in attendance but everyone who came had an enjoyable time. Entertainment was furnished by Wanda and Frank Marquiss on the piano and violin. Prizes for the most original costumes were awarded to Kathryn Schneider and Frank MacDonald.

The Cutshalls vacationed at Las Vegas, California and Arizona. They reported a very good time.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party to be held at Lake Junior High School, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Workers will be needed to help prepare for this event and volunteers will be appreciated.

The Club will hold the Christmas party Dec. 18 at 76 S. Grove, 7:30 p.m. There will be gift exchanges, entertainment and refreshments. Ya'll Come.

## Hump Yard Clerk Retires

By Dudley Mitchell

Eugene F. Huffer, car clerk in the Grand Junction Hump Yard Office, retired Oct. 30 with 48 years service on the Rio Grande.

Gene, as he was affectionately known, was first employed in 1921 as a messenger at the Freight Station. He transferred shortly afterward to the Yard Office where he spent the rest of his working career as a seal clerk, car carder, yard checker, car clerk, jumbo clerk and the position he retired from.

He and his wife are looking forward to a long and happy retirement as they are both keenly interested in gardening and a host of other things.

Their many friends wish them many years of enjoyment in their well-earned rest.

## Claim Inspector Retires

By H. O. Hunger

H. F. "Herb" Beck, claims inspector at the Salt Lake Freight Office, retired September 30 after 50 years of devoted service with the Rio Grande.

He hired out as a messenger-clerk at the Salt Lake downtown Freight and Passenger Office in 1918. He served in various clerical capacities in the Freight Office and has been in the Claim Dept. for the past 12 years as inspector of damaged freight.

His friends and co-workers gathered at noon, October 9, in the office for a spaghetti luncheon in his honor. He was presented with a money order to be spent for hobbies or whatever he would like to keep him busy. His grandsons would like him to buy fishing equipment so they may go along with him.

Herb is planning a trip to Disneyland in the near future.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes go with Herb for a long and happy retirement.

*Green Light*

## Pounden Retires

By Helen Balistrere

John Pounden, clerk in the Purchasing Dept., retired on September 30.

Pounden, born and educated in England and Ireland, came to the United States after completing his education. He worked at various places before joining the Rio Grande in the Burnham Store Dept. in 1937. He transferred to the Stationery Dept. in 1942. At that time the Rio Grande had their own machines for printing letterheads, envelopes, etc. John transferred to the Purchasing Dept. in 1945 and has held all the clerical positions in that department.

One of the highlights during his career was a vacation trip to Ireland where he visited with relatives and relived some of his younger memories.

John is very active in Masonic work. Now that he is retired, he intends to become more involved with this worthwhile organization.

His many friends and co-workers wished him a fond farewell and best wishes for the future.

## Melvin Beye Says Good-bye

By Almeda Flint

Melvin L. Beye brought the west-bound California Zephyr to his usual smooth stop at Grand Junction on October 30. This particular stop meant another milestone in his life as he climbed down from the cab of the locomotive for the last time in his capacity as an engineer, for he was saying bye-bye to active life of railroad-ing.

At the completion of his vacation, he will have served the Rio Grande 50 years, having first worked as supply man before entering engine service in 1920 as a fireman, first on the Royal Gorge run, later the Prospector and then the Zephyr.

Frank Green, road foreman of equipment, who retired Oct. 31, was on hand for the final run as he boarded the Zephyr at Glenwood and rode the cab with Melvin into Grand Junction. They were greeted by Mrs. Beye and fellow employes at the depot marking this special occasion.

Melvin has been known as a man of few words and those were spoken softly and kindly. The words of his fellow employes and friends were loud and clear as they wished him good luck and good health for their venture of leisure.

## Salt Lake Auxiliary

By Phyllis Cowley

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Salt Lake Vets' Club No. 1 began the fall season with a bingo party ala Halloween at the North Shelter in Liberty Park, October 14. Prizes were given and refreshments were served.

Hostesses for the evening of fun were Evette Walters and Minnie Giocchini.

## NARBW Will Meet

By Esther Dobberteen

The National Association of Railway Business Women will hold their Thanksgiving dinner meeting at the Denver Union Station dining room on Wednesday, November 19. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be entertainment.



## Purchasing

By Helen Balistere

The many friends of Art Hulstrom and wife offer their sincere sympathy due to the death of her mother at Jackson, Mich.

Mention vacations to any of the crew for October and one gets an icy stare. The storms did disrupt many plans. Leo Rohde said the weather and the fish were uncooperative. Ted Nitz shoveled snow but came back from that chore looking fine.

Tom Smaldone hunted in the high country near Craig and bagged his limit. Have been told he cooks some delicious venison. How 'bout an invite, Tom. Jack McCaffrey's efforts with the Knights of Columbus netted first prize in the Arvada Fall Festival. Lots of work but it was fun.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

C. P. Anderson, clerk, is still on the sick list but is recovering rapidly. Hope to see him back soon.

Matt Kloepfer, clerk, is lining up a basketball team made up of Rio Grande employees to be entered in the Helper City League. Employees who are interested please register with Matt or George Zamantakis. They would like to have applicants 6 ft., 2 in. or over, so immediately John Daskolas signed up to play center on the team. According to some of the members Matt wants to sign up, they probably won't have a winning team but it will sure be a drawing card.

## Burnham Notes Store and Lab Depts.

By Jeanne Gustafson

Sympathy is extended to Harry Haynes, storehouse foreman, in the death of his brother, John, who resided at Arlington Heights, Ill.

Get well wishes are sent to Eddie Purviance, retired Store Dept. employee, and to William Sear, laboratory chemist, both of whom are having to spend some time in the hospital. Hope their stay will be brief and that they will both soon be completely recovered and on their feet again.

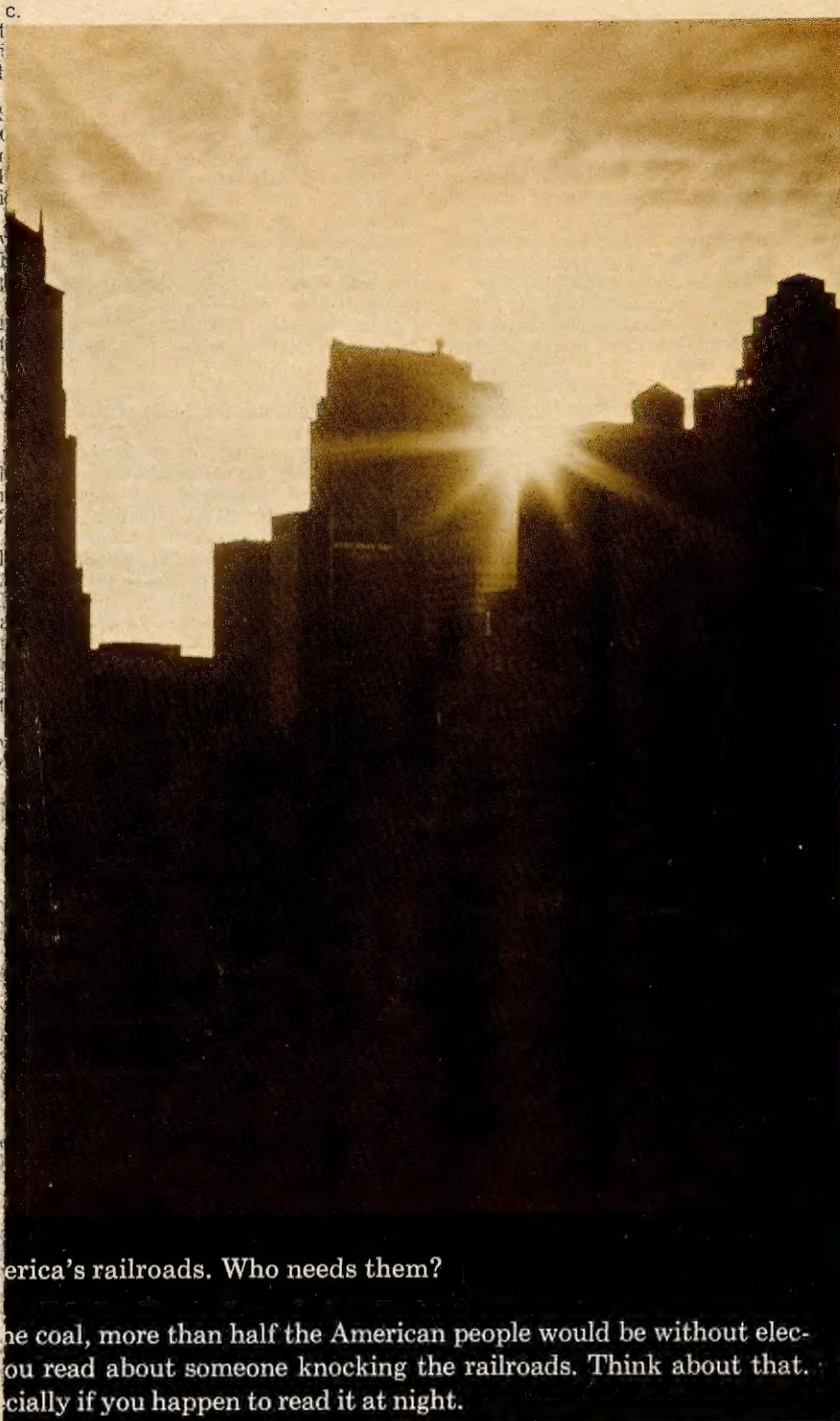
Happy to report that Harold Kallas' young son is home from a recent confinement in the hospital. Harold is supervisor of rail test in the Burnham Lab.

## Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

Lyle King and wife vacationed with his brother at Lawrenceburg, Ind. Chester Ely journeyed by rail to visit his son at Portland, Ore. He tried his hand at deep sea fishing with no luck. He returned via Reno and Winnemucca. Bob Talmadge and family vacationed and fished on the Grand Mesa. He had a good catch but a faulty refrigerator made him lose it. They also stopped by his brothers at Grand Junction and picked some fruit.

Glenn McGaha and wife sported a new Buick Le Sabre on their vacation to Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso and Juarez where they bargained with the merchants for gifts with good advantage. They are also the proud owners of a new Ski Dadler and were able to break it in on the snow. A hunting trip



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